

11 August 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Security (IOS)

SUBJECT : Request for Increase of ~~Support~~
~~Revolving Fund~~ Revolving Fund to Support Operations
MERRIMACK ~~Program~~

1. Recent events have proven to us the value of quick access to the numerous activities and plans of the various extremist groups in the Washington area.
2. Our few assets used in operation MERRIMACK (4) were primarily recruited and being developed for another operational activity known as ~~Operation~~.
3. The experience gained from operation MERRIMACK thus far dictates the need for further development, training and planning. We have been advised that there is extreme interest and appreciation for the collateral information obtained and passed to appropriate Agency and U. S. Government interest.
4. The recent activities created great concern as to the possibility of serious riots and destruction in the Washington area, some of which could have been a definite threat to certain CIA installations. This naturally led to several official requirements for operation MERRIMACK to cover as many of the demonstrations and activities of the extremist groups as possible for a period of approximately two weeks. All of this began around the 26th of July.
5. The success achieved, the events covered, the reports and brochures sent to Headquarters, was accomplished by ~~the~~ ~~program~~ working all hours of the day and night.

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6. True, this was an emergency, however, it meant exposing our ~~assets~~ at almost every incident and thus began to over-expose them to the elements involved.

7. Operation MERRIMACK's mission was established by the Director of Security to:

PROVIDE ADVANCE NOTICE OF IMPENDING DEMONSTRATIONS IN ORDER TO PROTECT CIA ASSETS AND INSTALLATIONS. THAT ALL SENSITIVE COLLATERAL INFORMATION OBTAINED AS A RESULT OF THE ACTIVITY OF THIS OPERATION WOULD BE SUPPLIED TO THE CHIEF, SRS, FOR HIS REFERRAL TO OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, THE FBI, AND CIA CI INTEREST IN STERILE FORM.

8. I have completed a review of the past activities of MERRIMACK. I have discussed these past activities with the ~~past~~ ~~the~~ Chief, SRS, and members of this Division.

9. We have come to the conclusion that in order to carry out MERRIMACK's mission more effectively and securely, we must develop ~~new teams~~ ~~new teams~~.

10. These teams will each be given specific targets of their own and will be developed in their own area of social and work environments. Only the ~~targets~~ ~~targets~~ will be considered to be made witting of U. S. Government interest. In this regard, a new operational plan will be developed which will enable us to utilize this cadre in our plans for operation ~~new teams~~.

11. It is, therefore, requested that approval be given the Chief, SAD to provide for immediate development of these two new teams.

12. To finance the new teams it will be necessary for the Director of Security to increase the ~~Covert Cash Revolving Fund~~ ~~Covert Cash Revolving Fund~~ as soon as possible.

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13. The past cost for funding MERRIMACK has been approximately \$100,000 per month. It is estimated that the increase in personnel and activities will increase the cost to approximately \$120,000 per month, an overall increase of \$20,000 per month.

14. Should the DDS/IOS approve this request, there is attached a memorandum which has been prepared for forwarding to the Director of Security requesting the needed increase of AIRBOUND/1 Covert Cash Revolving Fund and his approval of this plan.

Chief, Special Activities Division

APPROVED:

Deputy Director of Security (IOS)

Date

Attachment:
Memo for Director of Security

cc: Chrono File
MERRIMACK File

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